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SUBJECT: FIRE DAMAGE: ADDITIONAL BUDGET REQUEST

REF: (A) STATE 55839; (B) STATE 52987

1. AT LONG LAST AFTER MUCH EFFORT WE HAVE RECEIVED A BID FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF SERVANTS QUARTERS, LAUNDRY AND STORAGE ROOM DESTROYED BY FIRE MARCH 9. ORIGINAL BUILDINGS WERE DISGRACEFUL, UNSANITARY DANGEROUS SLUMS, AND I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THEY BE REBUILT IN CONCRETE BLOCK WITH ADEQUATE SANITARY FACILITIES AND PROTECTED WIRING FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY AGAINST CYCLONES AND FIRE. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST US\$22,500 BY ONE AND ONLY RELIABLE CONTRACTOR WHO EVEN WILLING TO BID FOR THIS JOB AND WHO DID EXCELLENT WORK ON ADDITION TO RESIDENCE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. (EVER SINCE CYCLONE GERVAISE EVERY BUILDER ON THIS ISLAND HAS MORE ORDERS THAN HE CAN FILL FOR MANY MONTHS.)

2. FOR SAKE OF ECONOMY I HAVE DESIGNED THREE-CAR GARAGE AS INTEGRAL WING OF ABOVE BUILDING. SAME CONTRACTOR ESTIMATES MAXIMUM ADDITIONAL COST FOR GARAGE IF BUILT SIMULTANEOUSLY AT US\$5,000.

3. ECONOMIC FACTS OF LIFE HERE ESPECIALLY SINCE CYCLONE HAVE RESULTED IN RAPIDLY RISING CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND SELLERS'

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MARKET IN ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION FIELD. THEREFORE IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE

TO COMPLY FULLY WITH 6 FAM 754 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GARAGE (PARA 3 REF B) UNLESS WE WAIT FOR MANY MONTHS. AND EVEN THEN WE MIGHT HAVE TO PAY AS MUCH OR MORE FOR SAME JOB. COMPLETE ENGINEERING DIAGRAM OF ALL PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION BEING POUCHED AF/EX IMMEDIATELY.

4. SINCE GARAGE AND STORAGE AREA ARE INTENDED TO SERVE OVERALL POST NEEDS, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE LEGITIMATE TO FUND PART OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION FROM POST FUNDS. THANKS TO CAREFUL, FRUGAL MANAGEMENT OF OUR POST BUDGET, WE ARE IN POSITION TO DEVOTE UP TO US\$9,000 FROM OUR FY75 S&E BUDGET TO ABOVE PROJECTS. REQUEST APPROVAL ASAP TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH ABOVE PROJECTS AND ADVICE RE METHOD OF FUNDING.

5. THANKS TO DEPT'S PROMPT SUPPORT FOR PURCHASE OF GENERATOR, WE WERE ABLE TO PROCURE 4 KW DIESEL GENERATOR FOR ONLY US\$1,832 VICE ESTIMATE OF US\$2,200. WE FULLY INTEND TO CLOSELY MONITOR ABOVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO EFFECT ANY POSSIBLE SAVINGS BELOW ABOVE ESTIMATES, E.G., BY UTILIZING SOME MATERIALS FROM DESTROYED BUILDINGS.  
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